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Subject: Dam Owner Academy - Self-paced Training Now Available!

Dear Dam Owners/Caretakers:

Office of Dam Safety (ODS) is reaching out to notify you about a **free educational opportunity for dam owners and caretakers** being offered by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO).

ASDSO is now offering two free, self-paced training options for dam owners, operators, and others interested in learning the basics of dam ownership and operation.

The courses are part of ASDSO's Dam Owner Academy and are designed for non-engineers. Course One, Basic Awareness, is an introduction to specific issues that many dam owners face. It focuses on the ASDSO Dam Owner Academy video series and related fact sheets. Course Two, Intermediate Awareness, is more advanced and is recommended for those responsible for day-to-day oversight of dam operations and maintenance.

Since the courses are self-paced, participants can complete them at their convenience over time at the ASDSO Learning Center. Currently, two courses are available in the Dam Owner Academy, with more to be offered in the future.

To view the specific topics covered in each course or to register for free, visit **DamOwner.org**.

If you would like a copy of this notice or links to the course emailed to you, please contact ODS at Dam.Safety@mass.gov or 617-620-8583.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William C. Salomaa".

William C. Salomaa, Director
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